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INSPECTION REPORT

Complete:_

Inspection Date & Time: October 28, 1992/10:30 a.m.-3.10 p.m.

Partial: X

Date of Last Inspection: 9/23/92

Exploration:__

| Mine Name: Skyline Mine County: Carbon Permit Number: ACT/007/005 Permittee and/or Operator's Name: Coastal States Energy / Utah Fuel | | | | | | |
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| Business Address: P.O. Box 719; Helper, Ut. 84527. (801) 637-7925 | | | | | | |
| Type of Mining Activity: Underground X Surface Prep. Plant Other | | | | | | |
| State Officials(s): Sharon Falvey | | | | | | |
| Company Official(s): Keith Zobell | | | | | | |
| Federal Official(s): None | | | | | | |
| Weather Conditions: Cloudy, Raining | | | | | | |
| Existing Acreage: Permitted-7067.11 Disturbed-62.08 Regraded- Seeded- Bonded-62.41 | | | | | | |
| Increased/Decreased: Permitted Disturbed Regraded Seeded Bonded | | | | | | |
| Status:Exploration/_x_Active/Inactive/Temporary Cessation/Bond Forfeiture | | | | | | |
| Reclamation (_Phase I/_Phase II/_Final Bond Release/_LiabilityYear) | | | | | | |

REVIEW OF PERMIT, PERFORMANCE STANDARDS & PERMIT CONDITION REQUIREMENTS

Instructions

- 1. Substantiate the elements on this inspection by checking the appropriate performance standard.
 - a. For <u>complete inspections</u> provide narrative justification for any elements not fully inspected unless element is not appropriate to the site, in which case check N/A.
 - b. For <u>partial inspections</u> check only the elements evaluated.
- 2. Document any noncompliance situation by referencing the NOV issued at the appropriate performance standard listed below.
- 3. Reference any narratives written in conjunction with this inspection at the appropriate performance standard listed below.
- 4. Provide a brief status report for all pending enforcement actions, permit conditions, Division Orders, and amendments.

| 1. 2. 3. | TOPSOIL | EVALUATED L L L L L | <u>N/A</u> □ □ □ | COMMENTS L L L L L | NOV/ENF |
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| 4. a. b. c. d. | . SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS . OTHER SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES . WATER MONITORING | [X] [X] [L] [X] | | [X] [] [X] [] [X] | |
| 5. 6. 7. 8. | EXPLOSIVES DISPOSAL OF EXCESS SPOIL/FILLS/BENCHES COAL MINE WASTE/REFUSE PILES/IMPOUNDMENTS NONCOAL WASTE PROTECTION OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND | | | | |
| 10. 11. 12. 13. | RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES SLIDES AND OTHER DAMAGE CONTEMPORANEOUS RECLAMATION BACKFILLING AND GRADING REVEGETATION SUBSIDENCE CONTROL CESSATION OF OPERATIONS | | | | |
| a b 17. 18. 19. | . CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/SURFACING | | | | |

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PERMIT NUMBER: ACT /007 /005

DATE OF INSPECTION: 10/28/92

(Comments are Numbered to Correspond with Topics Listed on Page 1)

4. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE:

a. DIVERSIONS

Ditches 12 and 13 at the waste rock site were not visited because dampnesss limited transportation by vehicle and therefore posed a time constraint. Ditch DD-9 was visually reviewed. Mr. Keith Zobell indicated the riprap at the base of culvert CD-6 and ditch DD-9 required attention. I agreed. The rock placement was not designed with adequate grading or riprap depth. The operator should install the riprap to standard engineering requirements, riprap depth should be at least as large as the largest diameter stone, proper grading is necessary. A filter blanket should be considered. The cement U-shaped portion of the ditch contained an area open to gravel under the cement. This area should be re-poured to prevent water from moving under the cement and causing erosion to the channel.

c. OTHER SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES

Area 6, at the entrance to Mine No. 3, was receiving water from the road above area 7. The operator was informed of this waters potential to contribute sediment to downstream waters. The operator placed straw bales at the edge of the berm to treat the water prior to leaving the site. The operator should provide additional grading to the road or other measures to assure water will not move untreated off the site.

Sediment was collected in a sediment laden straw bale downstream of Area 6. However, according to Mr. Zobell, these bales are out of the permit area and are part of an agreement with UDOT. He indicated it was not his responsibility, per the UDOT agreement, to clean the bale until Skyline completes conveyer construction.

e. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS

The Mine no. 3 pond was discharging during my visit. Water samples were obtained at NPDES discharge point 001 (upper pond). Samples for TDS, TSS and Oil and Grease were obtained. The water appeared slightly discolored in the collected sample. Analysis received from the lab presented the following results. Oil and Grease 5 mg/l, Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) 1,110 Mg/l, Total Suspended Solids 60 mg/L. The discharge has exceeded the 1,000 mg/L TDS daily maximum limit. It is noted that the exceeded value is lower than some of the previously exceeded values however, the pond was receiving considerable inflow from the precipitation event occurring that day and days previous. The inflow from the precipitation event would have a lower TDS concentration and the potential to dilute the mine water's higher TDS concentration.

A Notice of Violation is not issued for this exceeded NPDES limit because the termination date of NOV 92-37-3-1, for TDS exceedences, was based on a response received at the Division from Keith Welch on November 2, 1992.

Copy of this Report:

Mailed to: Bernie Freeman (OSM), Keith Zobell Utah Fuel

Given to: Joe Helfrich (DOGM), Daron Haddock DOGM

Inspector's Signature: Shun K talvey #38 Date: 11#3/92

Enclosure



The Quality Solution

CLIENT:

Oil, Gas, & Mining

3 Triad Center

Salt Lake City, UT 84180-1203

Phone:

801-538-5340 801-359-3940 (FAX)

ATTN:

Ms. Sharon Falvey

Project: Skyline Pond

Date Samples Rec'd: 10/30/92

MSAI Group No.: 9259

Sample Matrix: Aqueous

Report Date:

11/05/92

P.O. Number:

583955

LAB SAMPLE NO. DATE

SAMP SAMPLE DESCRIPTION

TIME

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ANALYSES PERFORMED

RESULT

OIL & GREASE, w/ww

5 mg/l

Solids, Dissolved TDS

1,110 mg/l

Solids, Suspended (TSS)

60 mg/l

Respectfully submitted

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